

### REMARKS

In an Office Action dated November 2, 2004 claims 1-10, all of the claims under consideration in the subject patent application, were rejected. By amendment above, claim 2 has been rewritten.

Reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 2 was objected to because the claim recites the abbreviation IMDM. According to the Examiner the abbreviation should be spelled out in the first appearance of the claims and should be followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Applicants spelled out the abbreviation for IMDM and placed parentheses around the abbreviation as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 2.

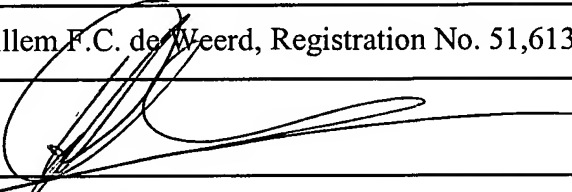
Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Migliaccio et al (Blood, Cells, Molecules and Diseases, Vol. 28, No.2, pages 169-180). According to the Examiner Migliaccio et al teach a method for producing human erythroid cells from human peripheral blood samples, comprising collecting light density cells, culturing these cells in IMDM with 20% fetal bovine serum supplemented as indicated in the Office Action, washing these cells and re-culturing of the cells.

In response to the Examiner applicants submit that the named inventors are the true inventors of the invention claimed in the present application and the named inventors are co-authors of the Migliaccio et al. reference. As evidence thereof, the declarations of Giovanni Migliaccio and Anna Rita Franco, are submitted herewith. The accompanying declarations demonstrate that the present invention was made by the actual named inventors in the present

application, not "others" as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(a). In view thereof, withdrawal of the rejection based on Migliaccio et al. is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

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